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In re Patent Application of

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ITS APPLIED OPTICAL SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 11 as follows:

11. (Once Amended) Optical-fiber communication equipment
according to claim 1, wherein:

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said laser light source is located at a position
that is shifted from an optical axis of the means for changing
light of the laser light source to a parallel plane wave to
form a parallel light path; or a normal line of an incident
end face for said wavelength selection means or the laser-
light dividing means is located^{so} that the normal line crosses
the optical axis of the means for changing light of the laser